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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 26 and amend Claims 1-4, 7, 10, 25, 28, 29 and 34.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for monitoring alerts regarding the status of components in a computer, comprising:

at least one processor, said processor configured to receive a plurality of alerts, said alerts providing status information about different components in the [a] computer; and

an alert module executing in said processor, said alert module configured to allow a user to selectively disable a [the] display of one or more of said alerts to the user, said alert module further configured to record said status information associated with said [disabled] alerts in a storage medium.

2. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said alert module contains a plurality of variables, some of said variables indicating whether each of said alerts is disabled or enabled to be displayed to the user.

3. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said alert module records information about said [enabled and] disabled alerts in said storage medium at a user computer.

4. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising a log module at a user computer, said log module configured to store information about said enabled and disabled alerts.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a user interface which allows a user to select one or more of [directs the selection of] said alerts for display to the user by providing a description of said alerts.

10. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein said alerts which were not selectively disabled for display by the user are displayed in an alert notification window to the user.

25. (Amended) An apparatus for displaying a system management user interface, comprising:

at least one computer, said computer comprising a plurality of components, said computer configured to generate a plurality of alerts, said alerts associated with status information of said plurality of components;

a display executing in a manager computer, said display configured to allow a user to select [the selection of] at least two of said alerts; and

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an alert manager module executing in the manager [a] computer, said alert manager module configured to enable or disable the display of any combination of selected said alerts in response to a single command from the user.

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28. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein said display allows the user to select [selection of] at least two alerts corresponding to at least two servers.

28. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 25 wherein one of said alerts relates to the status of a central processing unit.

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34. (Amended) An apparatus for monitoring the operational status of components in a computer, comprising:

a first and a second computer interconnected with a network, said first computer comprising a plurality of components;

a first means for associating a plurality of indexes with different operational parameters related to said components, portions of said first means existing in said second computer[s];

at least one alert, said alert providing information about a change in one of said operational parameters, said alert comprising said index which identifies at least one of said operational parameters;

a second means existing in said second computer, said second means configured to receive said alert from said first computer, said second means further configured to access said first means to transform said index into a user-friendly display message.

#### REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-29 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,655,081). The Examiner rejected Claims 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell in view of Giorgio (U.S. Patent No. 5,761,085).

#### Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As to Claim 1 of the claimed invention, the Examiner takes the position that Bonnell teaches an alert module which is configured to selectively disable the display of one or more alerts which provide status information about different components in a computer. In addition, the Examiner admits that Bonnell does not explicitly disclose an alert module. The Examiner